Liberty County Mobility Study

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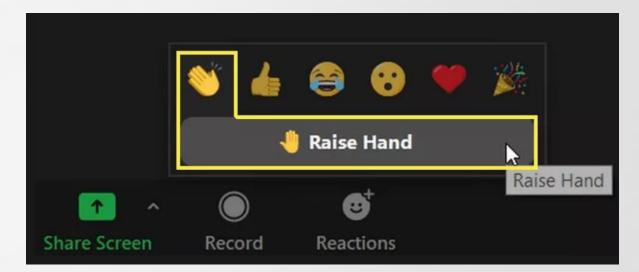
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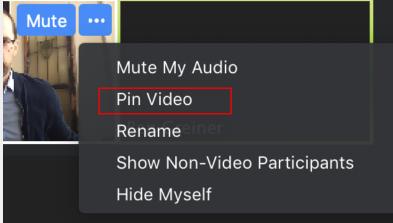
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Today's Process: Translation & Interpretation

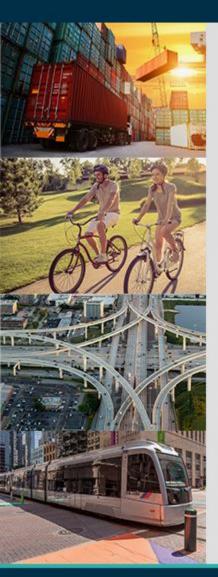
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Agenda



Presentation

- 1. Introductions
- 2. Project Overview
- 3. Vision and Goals
- 4. Identified Issues and Needs
- 5. Existing Conditions
- 6. Your Role
- 7. Next Steps

Q & A – Live and **Interactive**



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Introductions



What is H-GAC?



- Regional forum for cooperative action by local governments in 13-county region.
- Created by Texas, Functions Defined by State and Local Governments:
 - Area Agency on Aging (12 Counties)
 - Job Training (13 Counties)
 - Gulf Coast 911 District (8 counties)
 - HGACBuy; Energy Purchasing; SBA; and more
 - Transportation Planning



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Metropolitan Planning Organization

- Designated in 1974
- 8 counties, 120 local governments, ports
- 6.7 million residents
- Cooperative, Continuous, and Comprehensive Transportation Planning



MPO Counties

- Brazoria
- Fort Bend
- Waller
- Montgomery
- Liberty
- Chambers
- Galveston
- Harris



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Project Team



Project Manager – Thomas Gray, AICP

Project Management Communications – Modeling



Client Project Review

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Project Manager – Michael Feeney



Steering Committee



| Liberty County Engineer's Office | David Douglas | County Engineer | | |
|---|--------------------------|--|--|--|
| City of Cleveland | Robert Pennington | City Manager | | |
| City of Dayton | Kimberly Judge | Assistant City Manager / Director of Development Services | | |
| Dayton Community Development Corporation | Ann Marie Miller | Executive Director | | |
| City of Liberty | Tom Warner | City Manager | | |
| | Chris Jarmon | Assistant City Manager | | |
| TxDOT | Noel Salac | Liberty County Engineer | | |
| | Lisa Collins | Beaumont District | | |
| | Jeffrey English | Houston District | | |
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Potential Stakeholders



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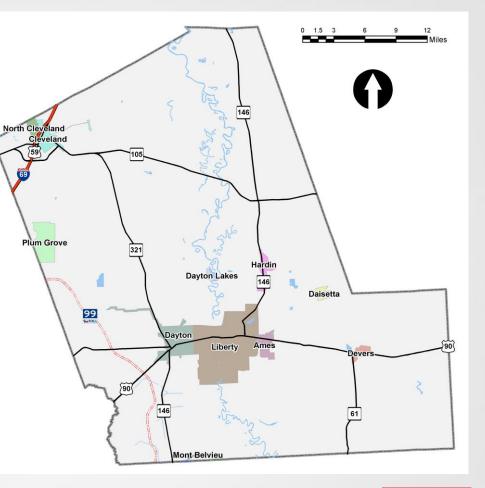
Project Overview



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Purpose and Study Area

- Analyze the existing transportation network
- Consider existing and future land use and growth scenarios
 - Recommend ways to improve transportation mobility for residents, businesses and visitors now and in the future





Schedule



| LIBERTY COUNTY MOBILITY STUDY SCHEDULE | | | | | | | | |
|--|------|--------|------|--------|--------|---------|--------|--|
| | 2020 | | 2021 | | | | | |
| Task | Fall | Winter | | Spring | Summer | Fall | Winter | |
| Identification of Issues and Needs | | | | • | | | | |
| Data Assembly and Evaluation | | | | | | | | |
| Analysis | | | | | | | | |
| Implementation and Funding Plan | | | | | | | | |
| Final Report | | | | | | | | |
| Public Outreach | • | | • | • • • | • | • • • • | | |
| Duration of Task | | | | | | | | |
| Steering Committee meeting | | | | le are | | | | |
| Stakeholder meeting | | | | here | | | | |
| Public meeting | | | | | | | | |
| Online engagement activity | | | | | | | | |
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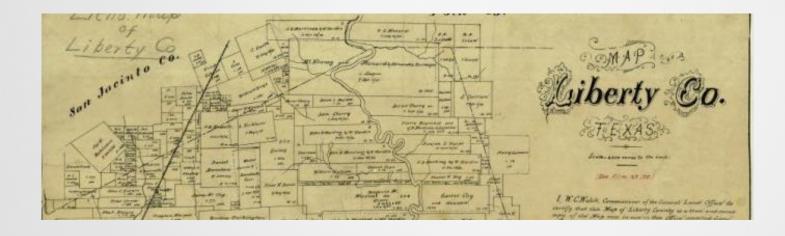
Vision & Goals



Vision

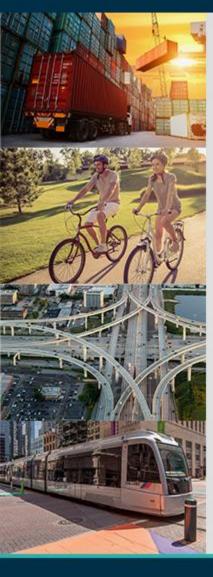


The vision of the Liberty County Mobility Study is to address County needs through multimodal transportation, development, and economic policy, while meeting H-GAC's goals of mobility, safety, and enabling economic opportunity.





Goals and Metrics



Goals (Metrics)

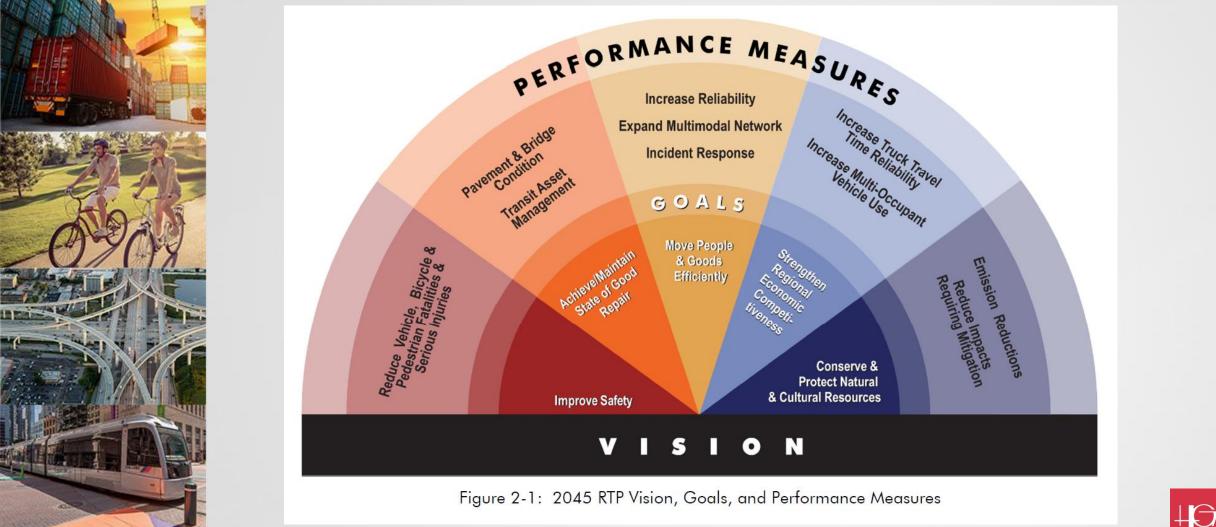
- Provide **MOBILITY** solutions and travel options for daily travelers (connectivity, gaps, multimodal)
- 2. Increase **FREIGHT** traffic efficiency (truck travel time, delay, routes and stops, railroad crossings)
- 3. Increase **EFFICIENCY** at high-congestion corridors and intersections (volume/capacity, LOS, travel time)
- 4. Improve **SAFETY** at high-crash segments and intersections (crash rates, number of conflict points)
- 5. Enhance **ECONOMIC** opportunity in focus areas (cross section, access management, economic impact)



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H-GAC Goals



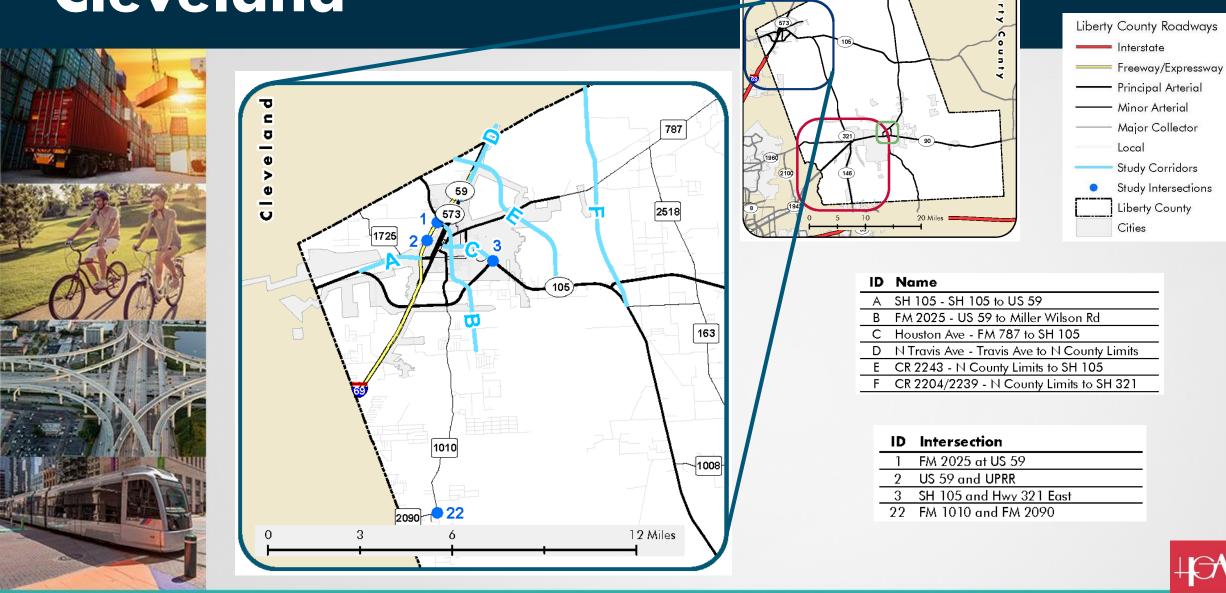


Identified Issues & Needs



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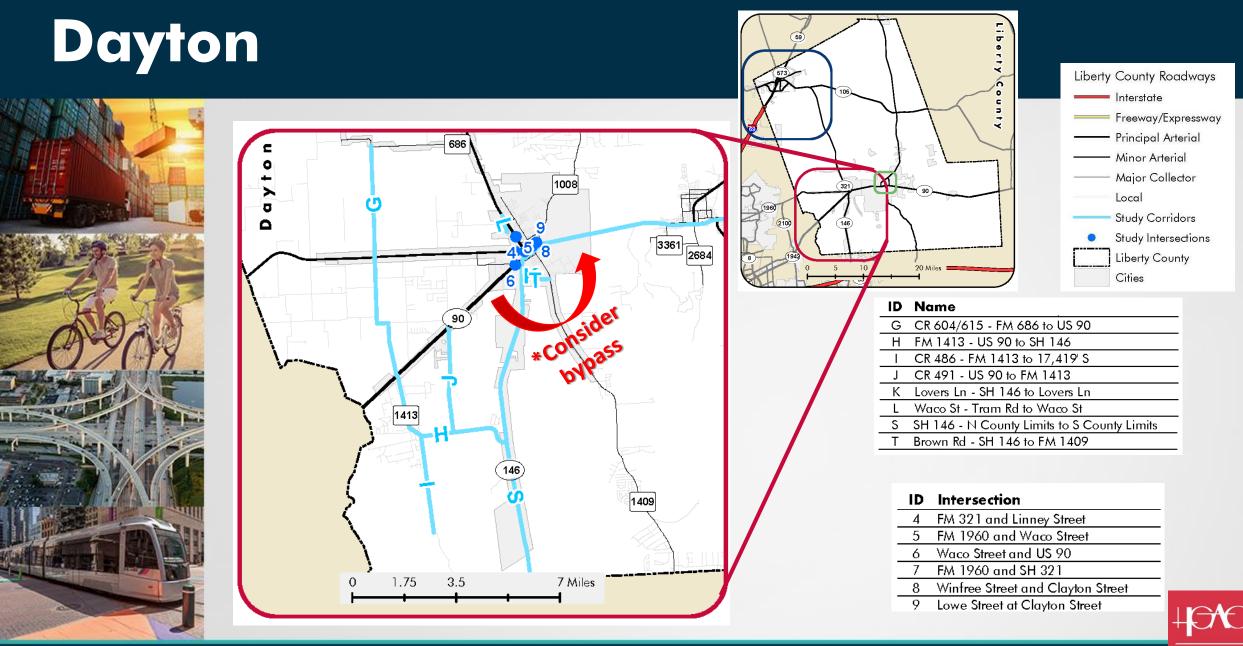
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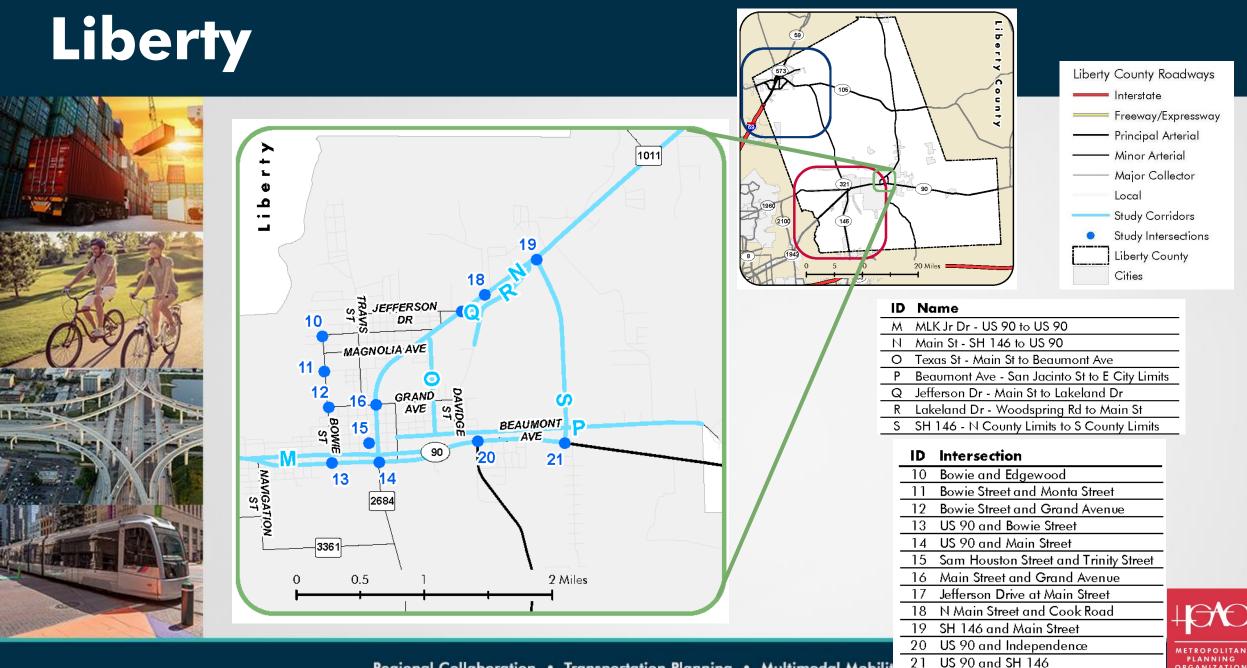


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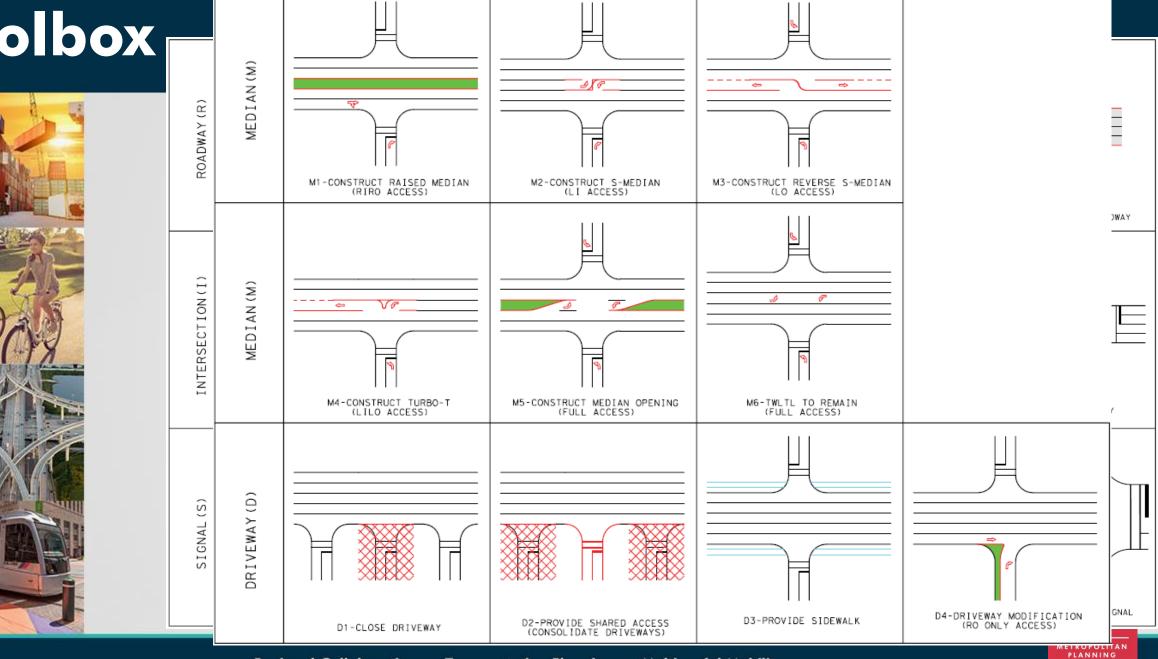
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Toolbox

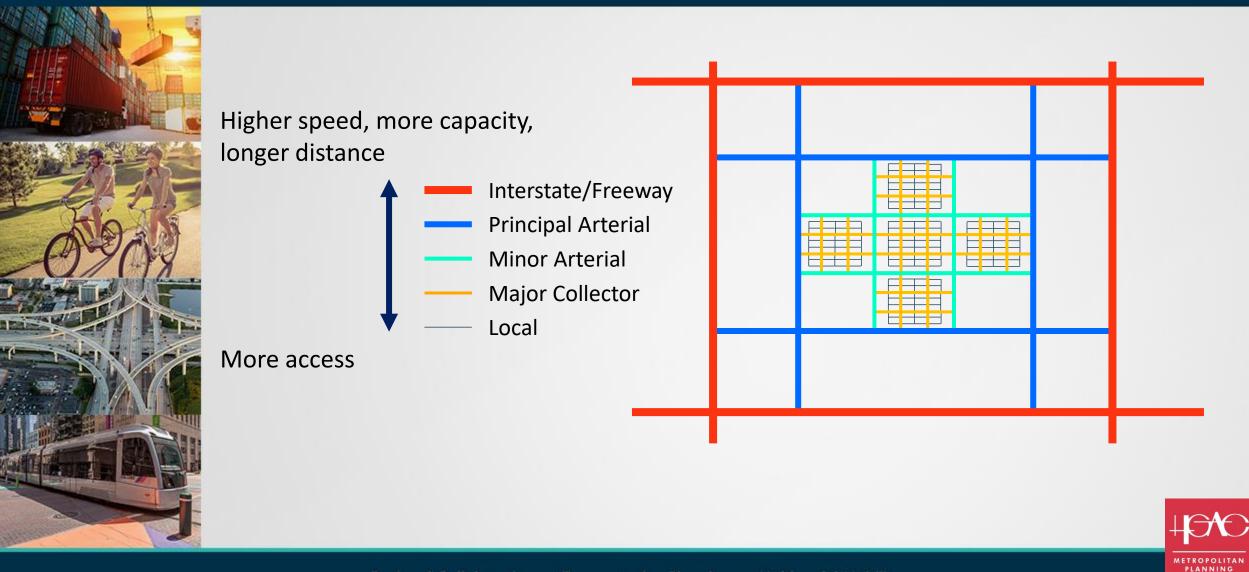




Existing Conditions

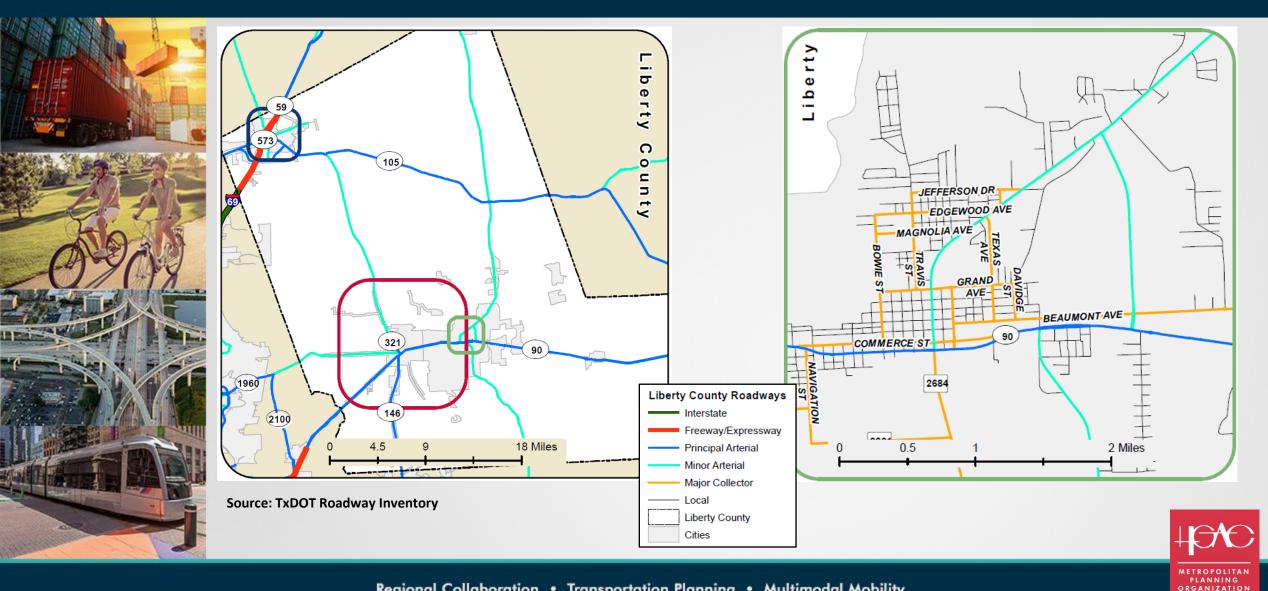


Roadway Network



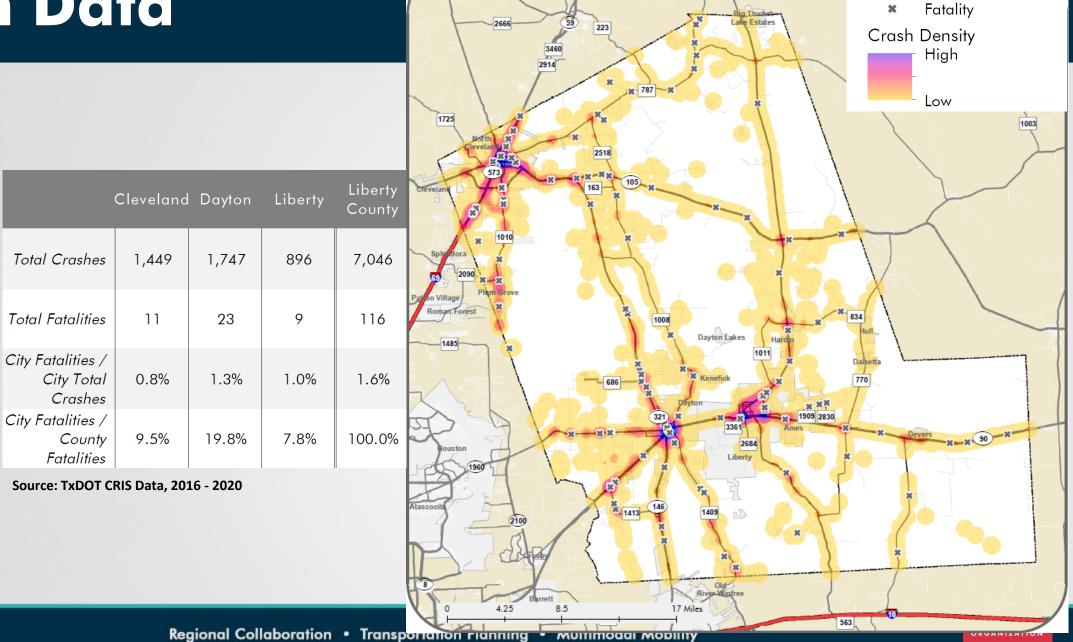
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Roadway Network – Liberty County



Crash Data





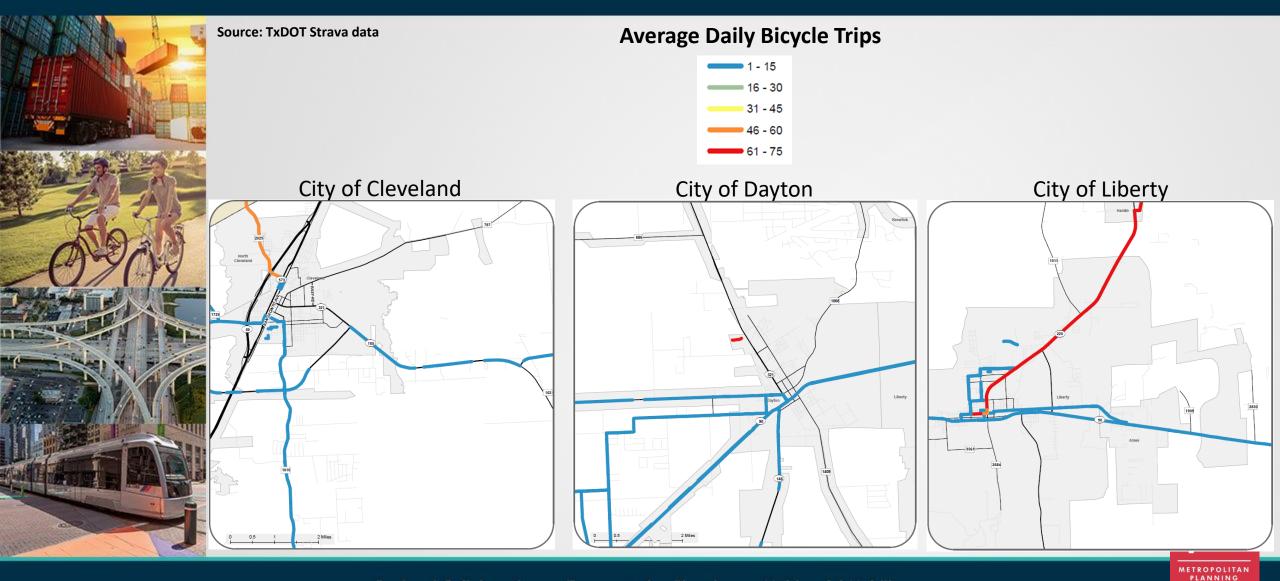
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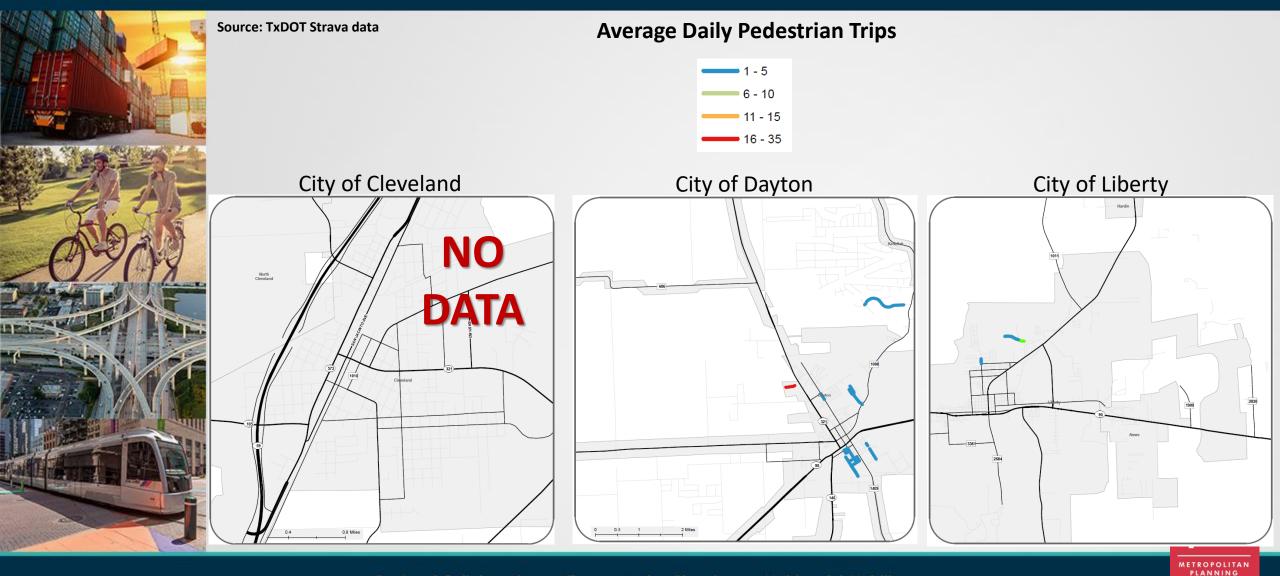
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Crashes (2016 - 2020)

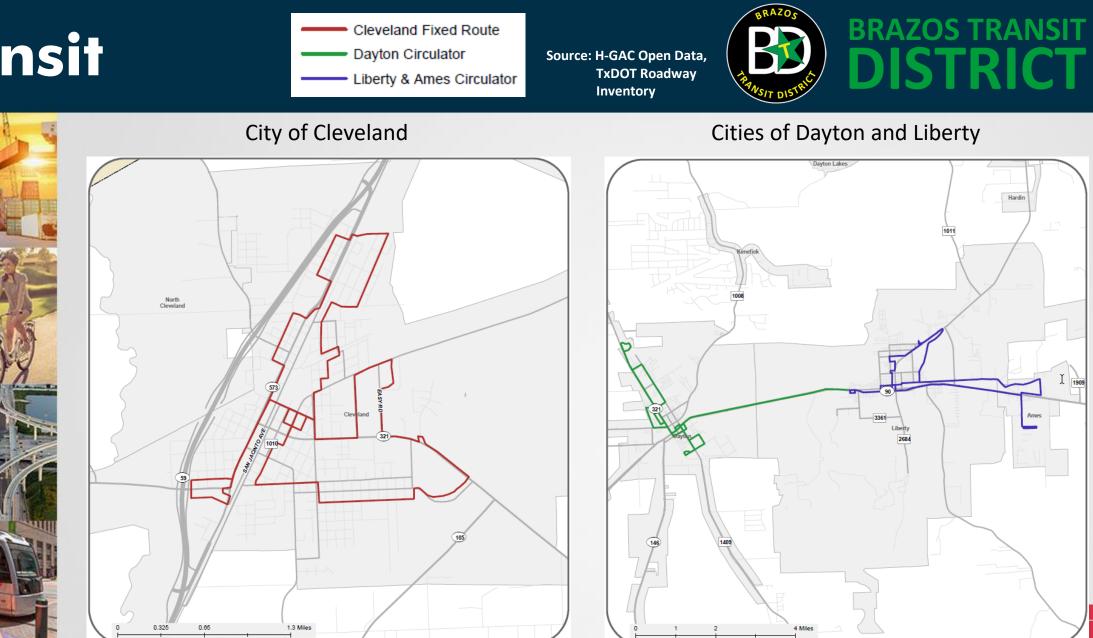
Bicycle Activity



Pedestrian Activity



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Railroads

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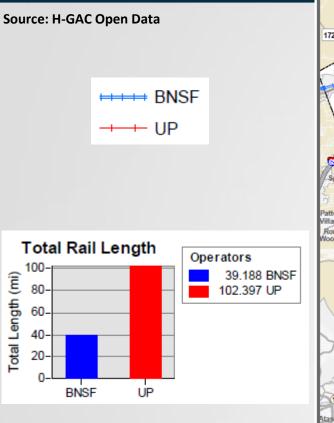
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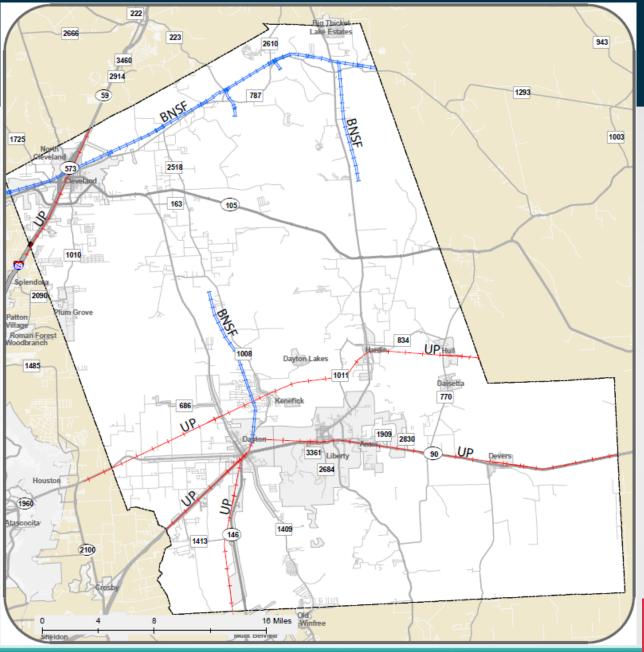
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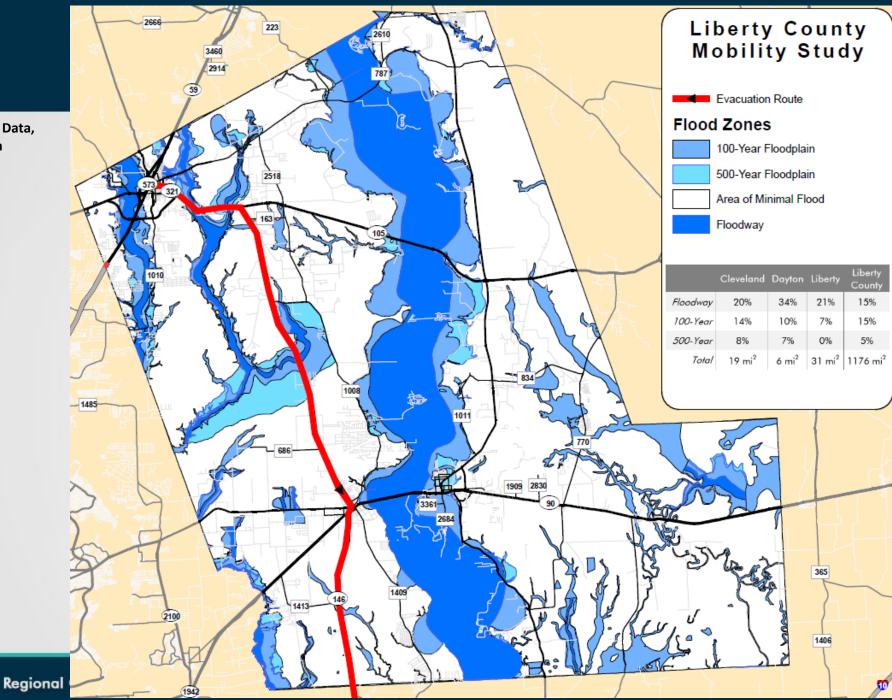






Flood and Evacuation

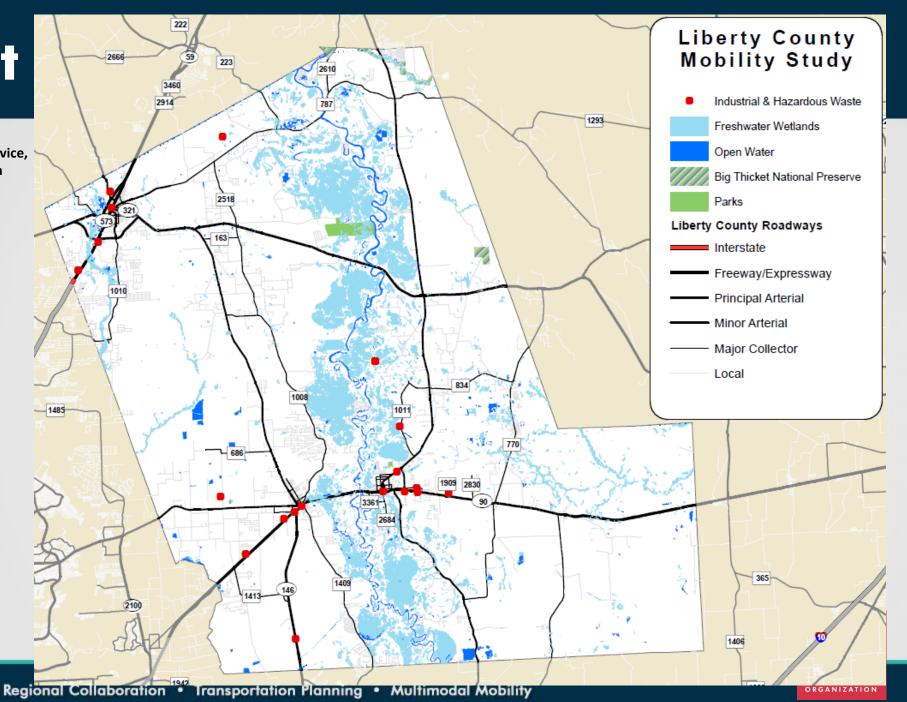
Source: 2015 FEMA Flood Data, H-GAC Open Data



Environment

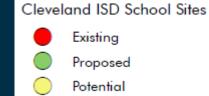


Source: TCEQ Open Data, National Park Service, H-GAC Open Data



| | | | Cleveland | Dayton | Liberty | Liberty County | |
|--------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------|---------------|---------------|----------------|--|
| and | Use | Commercial | 1.24% | 0.33% | 0.85% | 0.14% | |
| | | Gov / Med / Edu | 0.36% | 0.31% | 0.08% | 0.08% | |
| | | Industrial | 0.53% | 0.69% | 0.38% | 0.55% | |
| | Source: H-GAC Regional Land Use | Multiple | 7.14% | 4.45% | 5.62% | 5.85% | |
| Inf | Information System 2019 | Parks / Open Space | 0.74% | 0.05% | 6.30% | 3.82% | |
| | | Residential | 6.20% | 5.44% | 4.22% | 4.54% | |
| | | Undevelopable | 9.73% | 21.79% | 26.05% | 14.15% | |
| | | Unknown | 0.04% | 0.53% | 0.04% | 0.05% | |
| NUL TEA YEAR | | Agricultural / Vacant 🔁 🔛 | 74.02% | 66.41% | 56.46% | 70.83% | |
| | City of Cleveland | City of Day | ton | | City | y of Liberty | |
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Proposed Development



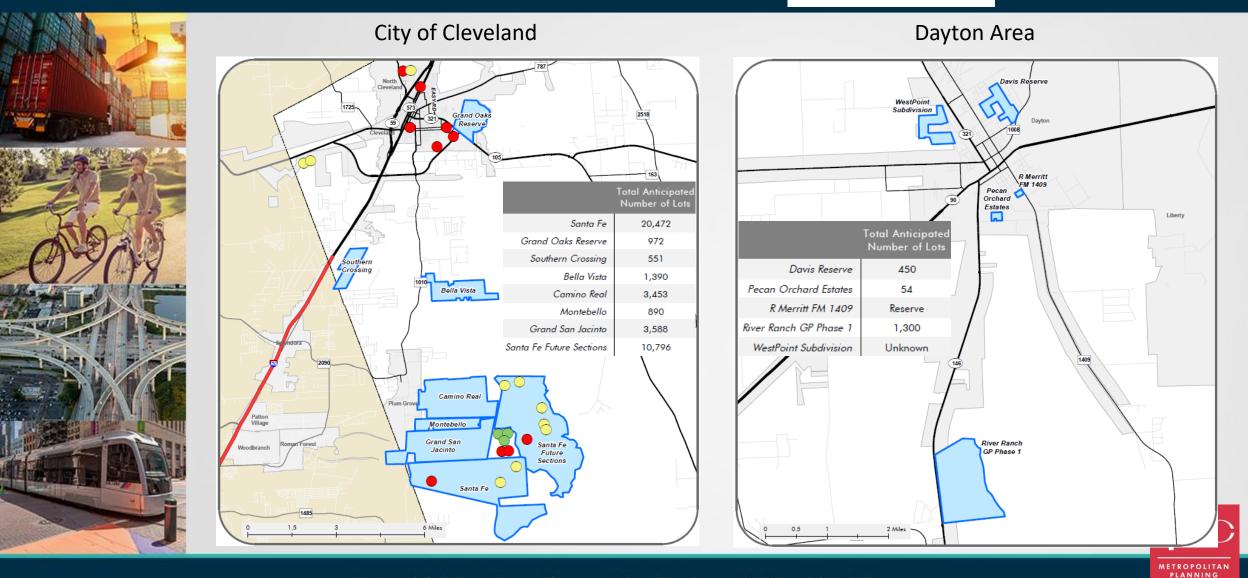
Existing Proposed

Potential

Source: Cleveland ISD, City of Dayton

Development Activity

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Your Role



Your Role



- Stay involved
 - Project website engage.H-GAC.com
- Tell us where to improve!
 - Public commenting tools
 - Upcoming public meetings

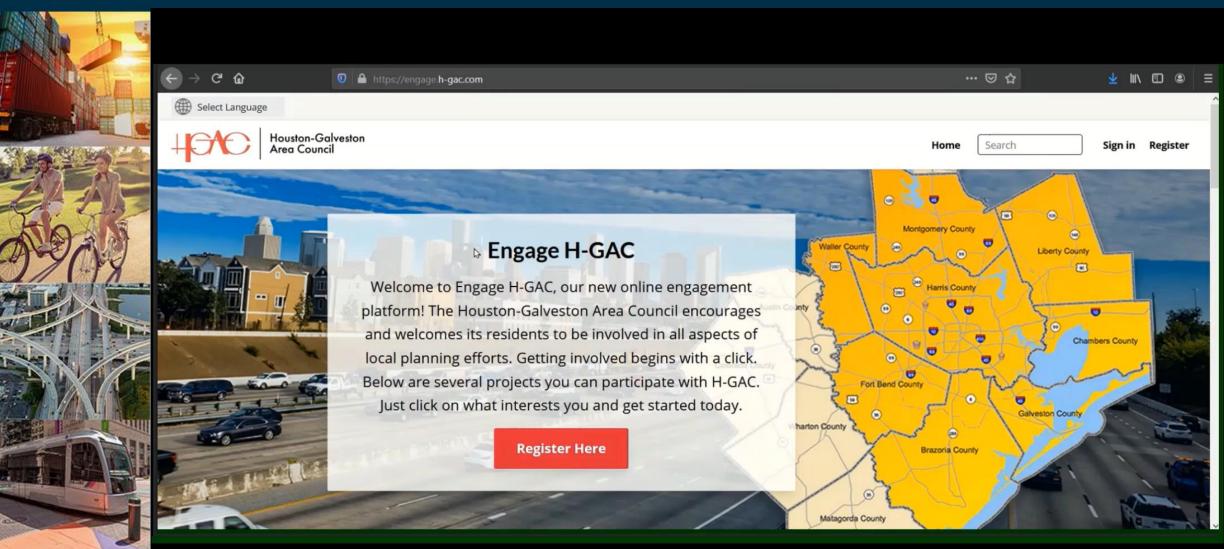
What happens with my feedback?



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Public Commenting Demonstration





Next Steps



Next Steps



- Review public input received
- Analyze issues and make recommendations
- Continued collaboration with Cleveland, Dayton, Liberty and County representatives
- Public Meeting #2 Fall 2021
- Create implementation and funding plan
- Final report



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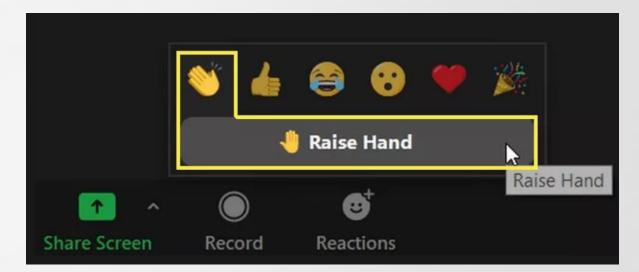
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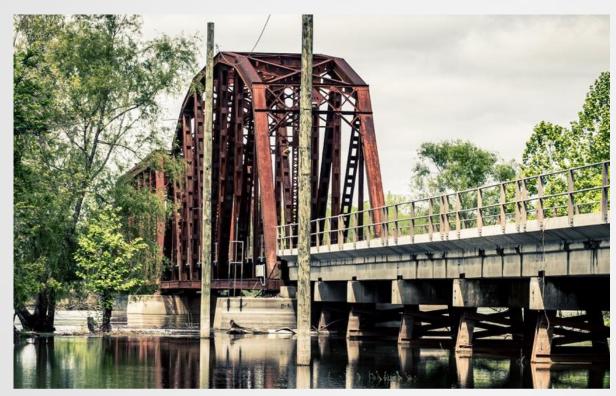
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Questions and Answers

What questions do you have for us? Please use the "chat" feature.





Thank You! Further Discussion



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